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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
GEORGES METZGER ET AL  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 00/08621  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 4, 2000  
FOR: TRAZINYLAMINOSTILBENE DERIVATIVE  
AS FLUORESCENT WHITENING AGENTS  
U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/070,525  
35 USC 371 DATE: MARCH 10, 2002

Group Art Unit: 1624  
Examiner: V. Balasubramanian

Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This Response is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on February 24, 2002. No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6, 10-15 and 31-36 are pending in this application.